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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte FRANK BOYER

Application 10/800403
Technology Center 3600

Mailed: June 29, 2009

Before DALE M. SHAW *Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 09, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

APPEAL BRIEF, APPEALED CLAIMS

Appellant has not appealed all rejected claims. Specifically, a review of the Grounds of Rejection on the record finds that rejections are outstanding for the following pending claims: 1 and 3-9. The rejected claims that have not been appealed and/or argued for appeal are claims 1 and 4-9.

DISCUSSION

The Board of Appeals and Interferences (Board), in *Ex parte Ghuman*, <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/bpai/prec/rm081175.pdf> (BPAI May 14, 2008) (precedential), held that in appeals where rejected claims are expressly withdrawn, or are implicitly withdrawn by not presenting arguments in support of patentability, the Board will remand (or return) the application to the Examiner with instructions to cancel the expressly or implicitly withdrawn claims. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1215.03 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007).

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to either enter a paper or have the appellant enter a paper canceling claims 1 and 4-8 and rewriting claim 3 in independent form;
- 2) upon entry of the paper, to return the application to the Board for the consideration of appealed claims; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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